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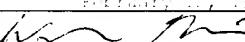
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Dear Sir:

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**RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Examiner has stated that the application contains claims directed to the following inventions: Group I, claims 1 and 18, drawn to an underdrain block member; Group II, claims 8 and 16, drawn to a filtration system comprising a filter media bed and an underdrain block member; Group III, claim 20, drawn to a process or method for making an underdrain block; Group IV, claim 24, drawn to a method of using a product for filtering such that of an underdrain block in a filtration system which comprises a filter basin; Group V, claims 26 and 27, drawn to methods of

using a product for improving flow distribution such that of in an underdrain block.

In addition, the Examiner has stated that the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct species: claims 1-7, 18-19 and 20-23 correspond to species 1; and claims 8-17 and 24-27 correspond to species 2.

In response, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-7, 18 and 19, all of which correspond to species 1.

Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-7, 18 and 19, be allowed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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